

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY
SECURITY INFORMATION

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT

50X1-HUM

CD NO.

COUNTRY Rumania

DATE DISTR. 11 September 1952

SUBJECT Masinimport, Bucharest

NO. OF PAGES 3

DATE OF
INFO.NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

50X1-HUM

PLACE
ACQUIREDSUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. Masinimport, located at 10 Strada Mihail Eminescu (formerly Strada Romana), Bucharest, is a state company for the import of machinery and industrial installations for state enterprises belonging to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. From 1947, the company worked as a branch of Metalimport until in 1948 it became an independent body.
2. The Ministry of Foreign Trade controls about 10 similar import and export companies. The following six are known: Metalimport, Masinimport, Alimentexport (export of foodstuff), Prodexport (export of various products), Fructexport (export of fruit), and Energoimport (import of electrical materials).
3. The general manager of Masinimport is an engineer, Voicu. The commercial director is also an engineer, Campeanu. The administrative director is Ernest Stern. There are technical directors for the following six departments: lathes, milling machines, pneumatic hammers, rollers, ball bearings, and ordinary machinery. The staff also has a section head for Russian technical translations, 35 engineers, 3 interpreters (for Russian) and 400 clerks.
4. Political control is exercised through a Communist Party member in every department of Masinimport.

50X1-HUM

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	NAVY	X	NSRB	DISTRIBUTION							
					ORR Ev	x	OIT Ev	x				
ARMY	X	AIR	X	FBI								

50X1-HUM

SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

- 2 -

7. Enterprises whose supplies are kept secret include a coke works, the ball bearings factory at Stalin, and a number of enterprises of a military nature. Early in 1951 there were eight such secret files, but by the end of the year their number had increased to 50. These files were handled by a certain Bucu (Schaechter), now an adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
8. In 1950, Masinimport imported very large quantities of sheet steel from the USSR. On one occasion, bills of lading for 4,000 tons of steel were handled in a single day. In 1951, large quantities of standard machines were imported from the USSR, mainly lathes and milling machines.
9. Large quantities of standard machinery were also obtained from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in 1951, and smaller quantities from Eastern Germany.
10. In 1951, \$50,000 was paid in installments for one special machine.

50X1-HUM

SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

Page Denied